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TIGRA® VERSUS KRAVEN!

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The WEST COAST AVENGERS

SINGLETON!

THE WAR AGAINST ULTRON AND THE GRIM REAPER IS OVER, WITH THE WEST COAST AVENGERS AND THEIR ALLIES, VISION AND THE SCARLET WITCH, CLEAR WINNERS!*

*AS SEEN IN THE PAST TWO ISSUES OF BOTH WEST COAST AVENGERS AND VISION/SCARLET WITCH.

NOW, BACK BENEATH THE GLORIOUS ROCKY MOUNTAIN SKY, COMES THE TIME FOR THE AFTERGLOW...

ONE OF US GOT BORN, VIZH--BUT TWO OF US STAND HERE NOW--

--AND WHO'S TO SAY WHO'S MORE REAL--BROTHER?

YOU'RE SIMON WILLIAMS MUTATED, I'M SIMON WILLIAMS RECREATED! WHATEVER DIFFERENCES THEY MAY BE--

--THAT MAKES US EVEN CLOSER THAN BROTHERS--!

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LISTEN, VIZH--COME TO L.A. WITH US, YOU AND WANDA! IN NEW JERSEY, THEY BURNED YOUR HOUSE * BUT YOU'D LOVE WHERE WE LIVE--THE WHOLE L.A. SCENE!

I'D ENJOY VISITING YOU, SIMON--BUT WANDA AND I HAVE ALREADY DECIDED TO RETURN TO NEW JERSEY, TO SHOW THAT WE CAN'T BE DRIVEN OUT!

MAY I HAVE A RAIN CHECK?

*AVENGERS #252.

ANY TIME, BRO--

--ANY TIME!

YOU'LL BE FLYIN'OUTTA THE MOUNTAINS WITH US TO CATCH A PLANE TO NEWARK, WON'T YOU?

THANK YOU, NO, HAWKEYE...

WE, UH, THOUGHT WE'D LIKE SOME TIME ALONE, RIGHT NOW! WANDA AND I HAVE ONLY RECENTLY QUIT THE AVENGERS, AND HAVEN'T YET HAD TIME--JUST TO OURSELVES.

I'VE MEMORIZED THE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP MOCKINGBIRD USED TO FIND US, AND THE TRAIL TO GUNNISON IS CLEAR TO ME!

WE COULD WALK THERE BY SUNDOWN, AND ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL DAY!

WHATEVER YOU WANT! WE ALL WANT TO SEE YOU IN OUR POOL SOME DAY SOON, THOUGH!

THE WAY THEY'RE LOOKING AT EACH OTHER--! LIKE NEWLYWEDS--OR PEOPLE THINKING ABOUT HAVING A--

--BABY...

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE--ISN'T IT? I MEAN, THE VISION'S HUMAN IN THE HEAD, BUT THE REST OF HIM'S PLASTIC AND WIRES--!

SURE--THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! DON'T BE A BIRDBRAIN, MOCKINGBIRD!

THIS WAY, GOLIATH! YOU'RE RIDING IN THE JAIL HOLD!

BYE! HAVE FUN!

THE QUINJET LIFTS OFF WITH A RUSH AND A ROAR AND THE TIME OF ALLIANCE IS ENDED!

BUT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KEEP AN EYE ON WANDA AND THE VISION'S OWN BOOK--BECAUSE WHO'S TO SAY WHAT'S "IMPOSSIBLE"...!

JUST NOW, OUR EYES ARE ON THESE GUYS...

I MAY NOT BE AN AVENGER EITHER, HAWKEYE, BUT IT WAS COMFORTING TO KNOW--TO KNOW YOU'D TRACK SIMON AND ME SOMEHOW!

SERVICE WITH A SMILE, HANK! BESIDES, WE'D JUST WELCOMED YOU TO OUR COMPOUND-- WE STILL HAVE TO FIND OUT IF YOUR CREDIT RATING HOLDS UP!

I'VE ONLY HAD TO DEAL WITH HIM A FEW MONTHS, HANK! HOW DID YOU EVER STAND ALL THOSE YEARS TOGETHER?

--STILL, WE DID DO WELL, DIDN'T WE?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

IT WAS AN HONEST MISTAKE, TIGRA--!

YOU MEAN YOU ALL DID! EVERYBODY BUT TIGRA!

SURE!

"WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A FULL-SCALE BATTLE*-- GOLIATH TRYIN' TO STOMP ME 'N' MOCKY--

"--ULTRON DUKIN' IT OUT WITH IRON MAN, AND YOU--

"AND ME JUST CALLED BACK FROM CHASING THE REAPER AND NEKRA, SO SIMON AND THE VISION COULD HAVE THEM!

"I LEAPT UP ON ONE OF ULTRON'S COMPUTERS, AND DECIDED, EVEN THOUGH MY METAL CLAWS COULDN'T HURT HIS METAL BODY...

*AT THE END OF VISION/WITCH #12.

"--MY ACROBATICS COULD DIVERT HIM!

KRAM!!

"BUT WHEN HE FELL INTO THE COMPUTER, HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ITS ENERGY--

"...AND POWERED UP TO MAKE HIS ESCAPE!"

KLANG!

I'M NO GOOD FOR THIS GROUP! I DON'T HAVE ANY JUDGEMENT ANY MORE!

MORE AND MORE, THE HUMAN PART OF ME'S BEING PUSHED OUT BY THE CAT--!

NOW STOP THAT! THE WORST THING YOU CAN DO IS BLAME YOURSELF FOR THINGS THAT JUST HAPPEN!

IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO LEARN THAT MYSELF, BUT--

WHAT THE HECK DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

YOU'RE IRON MAN, THE GUY SO MUCH IN CONTROL YOU HIRE FLUNKIES TO TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THAT ARMOR WHEN YOU WANT TIME OFF!*

TIME OFF? YOU THINK I WAS TAKING A VACATION ALL THOSE MONTHS--?

*A LOGICAL--IF INCORRECT--ASSUMPTION AFTER THE REVELATIONS OF IRON MAN #193..

LISTEN, I'M NOT GOING TO DISCUSS MY PROBLEMS, BUT I'VE GOT THEM--AND I FIGHT THEM!

I'M FIGHTING MINE, TOO--!

SIMMER DOWN, YOU TWO! WE'RE ALMOST HOME!

NO! "WE'RE" NOT ANYWHERE!

IF I'M GOING TO SOLVE MY PROBLEMS, IT'LL BE A LOT EASIER WITHOUT MAKING A FOOL OF MYSELF BEFORE WITNESSES!

TIGRA, I PROMISED TO HELP YOU--!

I KNOW YOU DID, MOCKINGBIRD!

BUT WHAT CAN YOU REALLY DO?

HANG ON! WE'RE GOIN' BACK--!

WAIT, HAWKEYE--IRON MAN'S NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S LEARNED A FEW HOME TRUTHS FROM LIFE--

--AND EVEN THOUGH WE ALL NEED FRIENDS, YOU HAVE TO FACE YOURSELF BY YOURSELF IN THE END!

THAT'S RIGHT, HAWK! I LIKE TIGRA, BUT NOBODY CAN HELP HER UNTIL SHE'S READY!

BESIDES, WE HAVE AVENGER BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF--LIKE FINDING A SIXTH MEMBER FOR OUR TEAM!

SHE'S UPSET PRIMARILY BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO BE A GOOD FIFTH MEMBER--!

WELL--

"--IF YOU SAY SO."

RROWWRRR

ON AND ON IT GOES--THE BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF GREER NELSON!

I'M MORE CAT THAN WOMAN NOW, AND CONSIDERING MY POWERS, THAT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD--

--IF I WERE THE SUM OF MY PARTS!

BUT AS THE CAT GROWS STRONGER, THE WOMAN FADES--AND THAT SCARES ME!

I ALMOST WISH I'D BECOME A FULL CAT! AT LEAST THAT WAY I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO ME--!

BUT I DON'T WISH I WERE A FULL WOMAN ANY MORE, AND THAT'S--

LOOK OUT! IT'S TIGRA!

WHAT'S THIS?

MICE STEALING CHEESE?

I'M FLATTERED YOU KNOW MY *NAME*, MICE! I'M *NEW* TO L.A.--

--BUT YOU MAKE ME FEEL *RIGHT AT HOME!*

FRICAN
RICAN
SEUM

IT WON'T BE ON THE *NEWS*, BUT I JUST SCREWED UP FIGHTING A *REAL* BADDIE--

--SO I *APPRECIATE* YOUR LETTING ME WORK OUT MY FRUSTRATIONS ON *YOU!*

DON'T GET *YOUR* HOPES UP, WERE-WOMAN! WE'RE *WORKIN'* FOR SOMEBODY--!

AAAAAH!

KRAVEN THE HUNTER!

WE MEET *AGAIN*, LITTLE ONE! *

*AFTER MARVEL CHILLERS #4 AND MARVEL TEAM-UP #67.

IT'S A SHAME I DON'T HAVE A *SLAVE COLLAR* FOR YOUR PRETTY NECK THIS TIME, BUT--

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE *REMINDED* ME OF THAT, KRAVEN!

A CAT OR WOMAN, I'LL *NEVER* FORGIVE YOU FOR TRYING TO *CONTROL* ME!

SPIDER-MAN KEPT ME FROM PAYING YOU IN *FULL* THAT TIME--

--BUT *NOTHING* WILL KEEP MY CLAWS FROM YOUR THROAT *NOW!*

YOU'VE GROWN MORE *SAVAGE*, TIGRA--I *LIKE* THAT!

FOR THE *FIERCER* THE *BEAST*, THE *GRANDER* THE *CONQUEST*--

--AND WHAT ELSE *IS* THERE FOR A *HUNTER?*

PLOW!

I HEAR YOU STOPPED THE CHARGE OF AN *ELEPHANT* WITH ONE PUNCH ONCE, MOUSE!

YOU DIDN'T STOP *ME*--!

HUNTING IS A *SKILL*, WERE-WOMAN! STRENGTH IS *IMPORTANT*--

--BUT SO IS *OUTSMARTING* YOUR PREY!

WHAT DID YOU--?

YOU DRUGGED ME--!
MY BELT TUSKS CONTAIN A VARIETY OF HERB AND REPTILE POTIONS, LITTLE ONE!
AND NOW, THESE ARTIFACTS I'VE REDEEMED FROM THE AFRICAN AMERICAN ART GALLERY DEMAND MY ATTENTION--AND SO I LEAVE YOU--
--AT LAST KNOWING FULL WELL WHO YOUR MASTER IS!
ROWRRH--! NOT FAIR--KRAVEN! NOT NOW--!
THAT'S--NOT FAIR!
I'LL HAVE YOUR GUTS--
--FOR GARTERS--
WUMP!
MEANWHILE, THE AVENGERS' QUINJET IS NEARING ITS HIDDEN HANGAR IN THE PALOS VERDES CLIFFS--
I SUGGEST SOME R&R BY THE POOL FOR THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON, TROOPERS!
THAT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME! SIMON--?
UH...YEAH! IN A LITTLE WHILE...
IT'S THE POOL FOR US, GOLIATH--
--AND THE PEN FOR ME--YOU THINK! BUT LOOKIN' AROUND, I SEE TWO OTHER GOLIATHS--YOU, PYM, A FAILED ONE--*
--AND YOU, HAWKEYE--A GUY WHO JUST PLAYED WITH THE GROWTH SERUM FOR A WHILE!**
WELL, I'M THE GOLIATH WHO'S GONNA MAKE GROWTH POWER MEAN SOMETHIN'!
IT MEANS YOU'RE IN THE PEN AND WE'RE IN THE POOL!
AND I'LL TAKE AWAY YOUR POWER, IF I CAN!
I WOULD LIKE TO STAY ON AND STUDY HIM, HAWKEYE--BUT NOT AS A FREELOADER! I'VE BEEN THINKING--
--WHAT IF I OVERSAW THE RUNNING OF THE COMPOUND FOR YOU?
YOU MEAN--LIKE JARVIS DID BACK EAST?
YOU WANT TO BE OUR BUTLER--?
HOW FAR HAS HE FALLEN--?

NO, NO -- I WAS THINKING ALONG THE LINES OF *HIGGINS ON MAGNUM P.I.*! I'M NOT *ABOUT* TO DUST YOUR FURNITURE, AND YOU WOULDN'T *WANT* TO EAT MY *EGGS!*

BUT JARVIS *DOES* KEEP THE MANSION'S EQUIPMENT IN *WORKING ORDER*, SO YOU *HERO-TYPES* CAN BE OFF SAVING THE WORLD -- AND YOU NEED SOMEONE LIKE THAT *HERE, AS WELL!*

HANK, *YOU'RE* A HERO-TYPE, WHETHER YOU WEAR A COSTUME OR *NOT!* LOOK HOW YOU TORE INTO *HEKRA!*

AND YOU'RE A *SCIENTIST!* WE COULD *HIRE* SOMEBODY FOR A *MANAGEMENT* JOB--!

I THINK TIGRA ALREADY *SPOKE* TO *THAT* APPROACH, IRON MAN--

--AND DON'T *FORGET*, I *TREATED* THE MAN YOU HIRED TO FILL YOUR SUIT!*

*IN IRON MAN #194.

LOOK, I DIDN'T MEAN TO SOUND *ELITIST* -- BUT I GUESS I *AM!* YOU AND I *HELPED* FORM THIS GROUP -- AND AVENGERS SHOULDN'T *WORK FOR* AVENGERS!

OR -- IS THE *REAL* REASON MY FEELING THAT I DEMEANED HIM *ALREADY*, BY MOVING IN ON JAN* AFTER THEY WERE *DIVORCED?*

*JANET VAN DYNE, THE WASP.

LOOK, *FIRST* OFF -- I'M *NOT* AN AVENGER NOW! I AM *INDEED* A SCIENTIST, AND I SPEND *MOST* OF MY TIME PLAYING WITH EQUIPMENT *ANYWAY!*

SECONDLY, WHAT OUTSIDE MANAGER KNOWS BETTER THAN I WHAT AVENGERS NEED TO KEEP *GOING?*

THIRDLY, IT'S A WAY FOR ME TO *CONTRIBUTE*, WITHOUT BEING SOMETHING I DON'T *WANT* TO BE -- SINCE THAT'S WHAT *MESSED ME UP BEFORE* --

--AND *FOURTHLY*, IT'S A WAY TO SHOW YOU THAT NO MATTER *HOW BADLY* I MESSED UP -- YOU WEREN'T *WRONG* TO TRUST ME ALL THE *OTHER* YEARS!

BUT THE *BOTTOM* LINE IS *THIS*, GUYS -- I *MISS* YOU ALL!

I THINK WE CAN DO IT, HANK! LET ME TALK TO THE *OTHERS!*

WHEW! THAT WAS SURE *UNEXPECTED* -- BUT HE'S GOT A LOT OF *GUTS* TO TRY TO CLEAR THE *AIR* LIKE THIS!

THE ONLY THING I *WONDER* ABOUT IS HOW *JAN* WILL TAKE IT BACK *EAST* --!

AND THE FUNNY THING IS, IT *STILL* DOESN'T GET US A *SIXTH MEMBER* --!

MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE SPRAWLING ESTATE GROUNDS, IN WONDER MAN'S PRIVATE BUNGALOW, THE MAN HIMSELF CHECKS HIS MESSAGES...

HEY, SIMON, GIVE A POOR AGENT A BREAK AND ANSWER YOUR PHONE! I'VE GOT YOU A SHOT AT THE CARSON SHOW, TAPING TONIGHT--

--AND THIS TIME YOU DON'T HAVE TO BRING ANY OTHER AVENGERS * 'CAUSE JOHNNY'S CRAZED ABOUT THE SPECTACULAR STUNT MAN STUFF YOU'VE BEEN DOIN'! WE CAN DO THREE MINUTES OF YOUR CLIPS, EASY!

SO WHADDYA SAY? CAN I MAKE YOU A STAR?

* AVENGERS #239.

HELLO, MIKE! YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT YOU GOT ME JUST WHAT I WANTED, WHEN I WANTED IT!

TELL THEM I'LL DO THE SHOT FOR FREE!

GREAT, BOY--BUT I THINK I'LL ONLY TELL THEM PART OF THAT!

NATIONAL EXPOSURE THAT'S WHAT I NEED NOW!

BUT AFTER THIS APPEARANCE, THINGS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN...!

WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT HE MEANS NEXT ISSUE--

--'CAUSE IT'S MUCH TOO PRETTY A DAY TO STAY INDOORS AND BE SERIOUS!

I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, SPORT! THIS IS NOT THE POOL!

THAT WAS MY CLEVER DIVERSION, BOBBI!

NOW THEY'RE RUBBIN' THE CHLORINE OUTTA THEIR EYES, AND YOU 'N' ME'VE GOT THE BEACH ALL TO OURSELVES!

DID YOU GET THIS IDEA FROM WANDA AND THE VISION, HAWKYPOO?

LADY, THE DAY I NEED LESSONS ON WHAT TO DO WITH SOMEONE LIKE YOU IS THE DAY THEY PLANT ME SIX FEET UNDER!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "SOMEONE LIKE ME"--?

I LIKE YOU, BOBOLINK!

I'VE HEARD *RUMORS* TO THAT EFFECT! ISN'T IT LUCKY I LIKE *YOU*, TOO?

YOU DON'T NEED *LUCK*-- JUST *TASTE*!

BUT YOU *KNOW*, BOBBI BARTON-- SINCE WE GOT *MARRIED*, I'VE NEVER EVEN *THOUGHT* ABOUT ANY OTHER WOMAN--

--EXCEPT OF COURSE, FOR *TIGRA*!

YOU BIG *BOZO*!

HEY, HEY--IT'S *BUSINESS*!

A CHAIRMAN'S *GOT* TO THINK ABOUT HIS TEAMMATES--!

NOT *ALL THE TIME*! BUT I CAN SEE YOU WON'T REST *EASY* TILL YOU'VE GOT [redacted] BACK SITTING BY THE POOL, *TOO*!

WE CAN TAKE MY *SKY CYCLE*--GO FOR A *JOY RIDE* AND LOOK FOR HER AT THE SAME TIME--!

THAT BEACH WAS GETTIN' CROWDED, *ANYWAY*--!

RINGG

TELEPHONE! I'LL GET IT--!

NO, LET *ME*!

HELLO?

HELLO--?

THAT'S FUNNY! THERE'S NO ONE THERE--JUST THE MECHANICAL WHINE OF THE WIRES...

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE STAYED INDOORS AGAIN..

...SO LET'S GET AWAY FROM THE COMPOUND ALTOGETHER--AND BACK TO TIGRA!

DON'T WALK

THIS WAY--HE CAME THIS WAY--!

THOSE STARLETS--THEY'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET THEIR PICTURES TAKEN!

THAT'S ELVIRA, THE ONE WHO HOSTS THE HORROR MOVIES, ISN'T IT?

AND THEY SAID STAY IN PEORIA! NOBODY'S LOOKED LIKE THAT IN PEORIA IN A THOUSAND YEARS!

I'LL SCRATCH HIS EYES OUT! THEN I'LL PLAY WITH HIM, A CAT WITH A MOUSE--!

HEY, SWEET THING--

--WHY DON'T YOU HOP IN HERE AND LEAVE THE DRIVING TO ME?

I'D LOVE TO, BIG GUY, BUT I'M BUSY NOW--TRACKING!

TRACKING? THE MIDDLE OF HOLLYWOOD WITH A SMOG ALERT ON?

THE NOSE KNOWS...

HEY, YOU AREN'T TIGRA, ARE YOU? WITH THE WEST COAST AVENGERS? HEY, IF YOU ARE, I GOTTA TELL YOU HOW GLAD I AM YOU ALL MOVED OUT HERE!

L.A.'S HAD INDIVIDUAL HEROES FOR A WHILE--I REALLY LIKE THAT BLACK GUY--

--BUT AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS OF MAKING *TV SERIES* ABOUT THE *NEW YORK* HEROES, L.A. *DESERVES* A GROUP OF ITS OWN!

AND I'M *NOT* TALKIN' ABOUT THE *CHAMPIONS!*

YOU KNOW, YOU *ARE* CUTE--!

--AND EVEN THOUGH I *DO* HAVE OTHER BUSINESS NOW, THE AVENGERS NUMBER'S IN THE *PHONE BOOK!*

GIVE ME A *RING* SOMETIME--

--BIG GUY!

YOW! WHAT A *MOLTEN* TONGUE!

MMMMM! WHATEVER *OTHER* FAILINGS I MAY HAVE, I *DO* LIKE *MEN*--!

OOO YA!

--AND MEN LIKE *ME*! I'D NEVER HAVE BEEN THIS FREE IF I'D STAYED *GREER NELSON THE FEMINIST!*

BUT NO SOONER DO I THINK *THAT*, THAN I GET *SCARED AGAIN* ABOUT *LOSING* GREER!

RUH! RUH! RUH!

COME ON, KRAVEN, I *KNOW* YOU RE GETTING *CLOSE*, SO GIVE ME SOMETHING *ELSE* TO THINK ABOUT, WHY DON'T YOU?

AHA! I SHOULD HAVE *KNOWN*--!

HE'S GONE TO GROUND IN *GRIFFITH PARK!*

THE SCENT IS PUNGENT ON THE SUMMER'S AIR--ALMOST NAUSEATINGLY SO!

HE'S SO CLOSE--

--AND UNCONSCIOUSLY, THE CAT-WOMAN'S NONEXISTANT TAIL BEGINS TO TWITCH BACK AND FORTH!

S-L-O-W-L-Y SHE LURKS FORWARD...

...BUT AS SHE TAKES HER THIRD STEP--

--PUNJI STICKS THRUST UPWARD WITH DEADLY FORCE!

BUT IN THE TWO-TENTHS OF A SECOND THAT TOOK--

--TIGRA'S CAT-LIKE REFLEXES SENT HER SPRINGING BACK AGAIN!

YOU LIKE YOUR JUNGLE WARFARE, DON'T YOU, KRAVEN?

BUT IT'S TIME YOU LEARNED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUNTING CATS AND BEING ONE!

FIRST, I'LL RELIEVE YOU OF YOUR *POTIONS!*

PFAGH! A GOOD HUNTER IS A MASTER OF *WEAPONS*, LITTLE ONE--

--BUT MUST ALWAYS BE READY TO RELY ON *HIMSELF ALONE!*

AAAGH! SOME SORT OF *NERVE* PUNCH--MY *LEG'S* GONE DEAD!

BUT MY *CLAWS* ARE YOUR *REAL* WORRY, MOUSE!

SO! YOU DRAW THE *FIRST BLOOD!*

MY BLOOD--

--AND GOOD IT IS, TOO!

BUT *IN* MY BLOOD IS A *SECRET POTION* I STOLE FROM AN UNWARY *WITCH-DOCTOR*, WHICH GIVES ME UNDREAMT-OF *STRENGTH* AND *SPEED!**

PLOW!

I WOULD NOT *WANT* TO BE A CAT, WHEN I CAN BE *KRAVEN!*

YOU'LL BE CRAVIN' *HOSPITALIZATION* BEFORE *I'M* FINISHED!

I DON'T *NEED* POTIONS FOR *MY* STRENGTH--

OH *NO--!* IT'S *HAWKEYE* AND *MOCKINGBIRD--!*

* AS HE'S BEEN PROVING SINCE *SPIDER-MAN* #15--OR *MARVEL TALES* # 153.

GET IN THERE!!
THIS IS MY FIGHT--FOR ME ALONE!
MAYBE THOSE REPORTS OF HER IN HOLLYWOOD WERE WRONG, CLINT!
YOU MEAN THEY MISTOOK SOMEBODY ELSE FOR TIGRA--?
AMY IRVING IN A BIKINI! ANN REINKING--!
YOU SHOULD HAVE CALLED FOR AID WHILE YOU HAD THE CHANCE, WERE-WOMAN!
NO CHANCE, KRAVEN! YOU RE--
NUTS! HE MANAGED TO TRICK ME AFTER ALL!
THEY ALWAYS TRY TO TRICK ME!
--M; AAARRRRR!!!

BUT ONCE *AGAIN*, YOU UNDERESTIMATE MY *CLAWS!*

SHE IS *MUCH* STRONGER THAN SHE WAS WHEN LAST WE MET--PERHAPS *TOO* STRONG!

YOU KNOW, YOU'RE CUTE WHEN YOU'RE *FLABBERGASTED!* IT'S REALLY A *SHAME* THAT A GUY AS VIRILE AS *YOU* HAS TO BE CUT DOWN TO *SIZE!*

THEN *HERE*-- YOU'VE ROBBED ME OF MY *POTIONS*, BUT THE MALODOROUS JUICES IN THIS *GOURD* WILL BLANKET YOUR SENSE OF *SMELL!*

LACKING *THAT*--

--YOU WON'T BE ABLE EVEN TO *FIND* ME, LET ALONE *DEFEAT* ME!

BUT I'LL FIND *YOU* AGAIN-- WHEN I'M *READY!*

YUCK! THIS STUFF IS SO AWFUL I'M *GLAD* IT'S CLOSING MY NOSE!

BUT IF YOU THINK YOU CAN MOVE FAST ENOUGH TO ESCAPE *ME NOW*--

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN PAYING *ATTENTION*, MOUSE!

A CAT *LOVES* TO CLIMB *TREES!*

THIS IS *WONDERFUL!* I'VE NEVER FELT MORE *ALIVE!*

IT'S ONLY WHEN I *THINK ABOUT* WHAT I'M DOING THAT I *SCREW UP!* WHEN I GO WITH MY *INSTINCTS* I'M *UNBEATABLE!*

CURSE YOU, WOMAN--HE WHO FIGHTS AND *RUNS AWAY*, LIVES TO FIGHT *ANOTHER* DAY! BUT KRAVEN CANNOT BE *SEEN* TO FLEE!

HIRE A *P.R. MAN* IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR *IMAGE*! I DON'T CARE *WHAT* YOUR HANGUPS ARE--

--SO LONG AS YOU TURN AND *FIGHT!*

TO THE *DEATH* THEN!

TO THE *DEATH!!*

AND IN THE MIDST OF THE CROWD THAT SURGES FORWARD...

I HAVE *TRACKED* KRAVEN ACROSS COUNTRY BUT NOW HE'S LOCKED IN COMBAT WITH THE *TIGER-WOMAN.*

I DARE NOT *SHOOT* HIM, LEST I HIT *HER* INSTEAD.

I MUST BIDE MY TIME THIS DAY JUSTICE *WILL* BE SERVED.

UNNOTICED, THE SCOURGE OF THE UNDERWORLD SKULKS AWAY AS..

YOU ARE VERY LIKE A JUNGLE CAT IN *TRUTH*, TIGRA--

--SO PERHAPS MY *MISTAKE* TODAY HAS BEEN TO FIGHT YOU AS A *HUMAN*--

KRAVEN IS *FAMOUS* FOR HIS SECRET WAYS OF *TAMING* CATS--!

WHAT'S HE *DOING?* ANOTHER *NERVE THRUST*--

--AND NOW I CAN'T *MOVE!*

AND THUS, THE BATTLE *ENDS!*

I CAN'T *MOVE!!*

THIS ISN'T *FAIR!* WHY AM I ALWAYS *BEATEN* BY *TRICKS?*

I'M *STRONGER* THAN HE IS! I'M *FASTER!* THIS *ISN'T FAIR!!*

TO THE *DEATH,* I SAID--

--AND TO THE DEATH IT *IS!*

ONE FINAL THRUST WITH THIS *BRANCH,* AND--

WHAT IF SOMEONE *ELSE* IS ATTACKING ME--!

SORRY I FORGOT MY *BUGLE,* TIGRA-- BUT THE *CAVALRY'S ARRIVED!*

YOU FOOL! THE WERE-WOMAN WAS *MAGNIFICENT* PREY, BUT YOU'RE *NOTHING! NOTHING!*

AND ONCE I TELL YOU MY NAME'S MOCKINGBIRD, YOU'LL PROBABLY LIKE ME EVEN *LESS,* OH GREAT WHITE HUNTER--

--BUT I'LL TRY TO WIN YOU OVER!

HA! YOU'RE SO SLOW TO ONE WITH MY REFLEXES!

EVEN WITHOUT THE LEVERAGE I NEED TO ESCAPE THIS ROPE, I CAN ESCAPE YOUR FUTILE BLOWS!

LISTEN, KRAVEN, I CRASHED IN THE SAVAGE LAND ONCE, AND NOT ONLY SURVIVED BUT LEARNED THE WAYS OF KA-ZAR!*

* REMEMBER ASTONISHING TALES?

KA-ZAR? YOU DARE COMPARE THAT IGNORANT SAVAGE TO ME?

I THINK--

KARAK

--I DO!

WAY TO GO WITH THOSE BATTLE STAVES, HONEY!

AT LAST!

I CAN MOVE AGAIN!

BUT WHO ASKED YOU TO GET INVOLVED? THIS WAS MY FIGHT--

--AND EVEN IF I WAS GOING TO LOSE IT, IT WAS STILL MINE! I WANTED TO FIND OUT WHAT I REALLY AM!

I'LL TELL YOU WHO YOU ARE, TIGRA--YOU'RE PART OF A TEAM!

A WEAK PART--A PART YOU HAVE TO SAVE FROM HER OWN MISTAKES!

AS OPPOSED TO WHOM? YOU THINK I HAVEN'T MADE MISTAKES ON OCCASION? AND HAWKEYE'S THE WORLD RECORD HOLDER!

WE WORK BETTER TOGETHER THAN SEPARATELY! THAT'S WHY WE'RE A TEAM!

SHE'S RIGHT, TIGRA--WE CAN COVER EACH OTHER WHILE WE LEARN--

GEE, THANKS!

--BUT IT'LL GO A LOT SMOOTHER IF YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR PERFUME--!

NOW, IT WOULD BE A **MISTAKE** TO SAY THAT TIGRA'S CAT-LIKE **INDEPENDENCE** CAN EVER BE **COMPLETELY** WON OVER--BUT HER CAT-LIKE NEED FOR **AFFECTION** IS STRONG, AS WELL! AND HER CAT-LIKE **MOODS** ARE ALWAYS **FLEETING**--

KRAVEN CALLED HER **MAGNIFICENT!**

I WISH I'D **SEEN** IT! MOCKINGBIRD HAS HER **WEAPONS**, BUT TO FIGHT HIM **HAND-TO-HAND**--!

WE--ALL HAVE OUR **PART** TO PLAY, HANK!

BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR **INTEREST!**

I'M RATHER INTERESTED **MYSELF**, LADY--BUT WITH **HANK** INVOLVED, I'M STAYING **WELL CLEAR!**

--SO LATER, BACK AT THE **COMPOUND**, SHE ALLOWS HERSELF TO BE STROKED A LITTLE **MORE**...

SO, THAT LEAVES US WITH ONLY **ONE PROBLEM**--OUR **SIXTH MEMBER!**

I DON'T LIKE SITTING AROUND **SHORT-HANDED!**

WELL, WE COULD USE THE **MEDIA**, LIKE WE DID BACK **EAST** ONE TIME!

YOU'RE OUR **MOVIE STAR**, SIMON--WHAT DO **YOU** THINK?

I'M SORRY, IRON MAN--I WASN'T PAYING **ATTENTION!** WHAT WAS YOUR QUESTION?

WHY DON'T WE JUST CALL A **PRESS CONFERENCE**? THAT WOULD GET US ON THE **EVENING NEWS!**

YES, AND **ENTERTAINMENT** TONIGHT!

DING DONG

UH OH! SOMEBODY AT THE **FRONT GATE!**

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

TOO BAD KRAVEN'S SUCH A **BAD GUY**--

--WE COULD ALWAYS USE **SOMEBODY ELSE** WITH THAT KIND OF **STRENGTH!**

NO **WAY**, BIG BOSS! **ONE** MEMBER DRESSED IN ORANGE IS **QUITE ENOUGH!**

HEY! HAWKEYE!

HOWSABOUT *THIS* FER DUMB LUCK? I WUZ JUST DRIVIN' AROUND GETTIN' A LOOK AT MY NEW *HOME TOWN*--

--AN' I GOT ME A *FLAT TIRE* AN' I WALKED UP TO THE FIRST HOUSE I SAW TO USE A *PHONE* AN'--

HEY, WHAT'RE YOU ALL *STARIN'* AT--?

BENJY, OLD BUDDY, HAVE I GOT A DEAL FOR *YOU*--!

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CAN IT *GET* THE EVER-LOVIN' BLUE-EYED THING A MEMBER OF THE *WEST COAST AVENGERS*? COME BACK NEXT MONTH TO *FIND OUT*-- WHEN YOU'LL ALSO MEET...

FIREBIRD AND MASTER PANDEMONIUM!